



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Principals

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SUBJECT: Application Process for Third Cohort of STEM Certified Schools

The Indiana Department of Education is excited to begin the process for welcoming schools into the third cohort of STEM certified schools. These schools are models for Indiana in their commitment to teaching the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and math, ultimately preparing students for success in the 21st century. STEM Certified Schools exemplify a highly non-traditional approach to education employing a great deal of inquiry, project based learning, community engagement, entrepreneurship, student centered classrooms, and out of school STEM activities. STEM Certified Schools have been able to accomplish this feat while following educational policies set by the state and excelling under the system of accountability.

Schools can visit the IDOE-STEM education webpage and download the STEM School Self-Evaluation to complete. Once the self-evaluation is performed using the rubric, submit it to the STEM Coordinator that your school best aligns to below.

Elementary	Nick Flowers, nflowers@doe.in.gov Elementary Math, Science, and STEM Specialist
Middle School	Jarred Corwin, jcorwin@doe.in.gov Secondary Science and STEM Specialist
High School	Bill Reed, wreed@doe.in.gov Secondary Math and STEM Specialist

Once you have submitted the self-evaluation rubric, you will be contacted to schedule an initial conversation (i.e. phone call, Skype, or if schedules permit a visit). This is to assist schools in making adjustments based on recommendations by the STEM Coordinator prior to completing full application. The STEM application is also available on the website for school to access.

The earlier that you are able to submit your self-evaluation will allow for more time to complete your application and gain feedback from the IDOE. All applications will be due by 4:30 pm on Friday, December 16, 2016.

If you have any questions you can contact Jeremy Eltz, jeltz@doe.in.gov
<http://www.doe.in.gov/ccr/indiana-stem-education-science-technology-engineering-and-mathematics>